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1. All East German DIA delegations in foreign countries are to have technicians and engineers assigned to them as advisors in their special fields. The commercial representatives of the DIAs had displayed such ignorance in technical matters that many unwise purchases and sales were made, which, in turn, led to difficulties in the plants involved.
2. As of March 1955, approximately 200 ~~engineers and technicians~~ have been withdrawn from their permanent places of employment. Married men are preferred for the position of advisor. They are to be sent abroad with their wives. The reason given for sending couples instead of bachelors is that single men, through their social behavior, have caused much unfavorable comment in foreign countries. It is hoped that married men, accompanied by their wives, will reduce such criticism.

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